

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to applicant's amendment filed December 18, 2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,8-10 and 15-17.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

  
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### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Bilinski on January 7, 2008.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

In the specification: page 8, replaced paragraph [0031] to:

-- [0031] Finally, the upper mouth section 118 of the bag 114 includes a pair of slots 149, Fig. 7, used to accommodate a pair of straps **150** that retain an outer basket 152 that can be used for storage of items. The basket 152 can further include at least one exterior pocket 156.--.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

3. Claims 1, 8-10, and 15-17 are allowed.

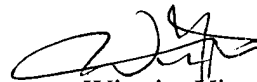
### ***Inquiry Contacts***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Winnie Yip whose telephone number is 571-272-6870. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (9:30-5:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Dunn can be reached on 571-272-6670. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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can be adjusted at either end, each of the strap sections being wrappable about a portion of the handle 90.

[0030] The bottom section of the bag 114 is further stabilized by a pair of lower stabilizing straps 140, 142. Each stabilizing strap 140, 142 has one end sewn into the lower part of the bag 114 and is of sufficient length so that the opposite ends of the strap can be looped around the lower part of one of the rear legs 102 of the wheelchair 74. Preferably, hook and loop type fasteners 145 are employed to fasten the free end of each strap 140, 142 upon itself. Each fastener 145, for example, may have a hook pad sewn into the free end of the strap 140, 142 and an elongated loop pad sewn into a length of its body section so that the strap can be pulled taut and closed to hold the bag 114 centered between the rear legs 102 of the wheelchair 74.

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[0031] Finally, the upper mouth section 118 of the bag 114 includes a pair of slots 149, Fig. 7, used to accommodate a pair of straps<sup>150</sup> that retain an outer basket 152 that can be used for storage of items. The basket 152 can further include at least one exterior pocket 156.